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County's airport offer does not fly with Towns

by Richard Westlund
and Carla Victor

A "fair offer" (MVC Councillor Pat James) to pay \$2 for the Olds/Didsbury Airport was "a slap in the face", said Didsbury Town Councillor Gary Dolha and a "win/lose" agreement favouring the county said Olds Town Councillor Ben Coates.

The offer which included a share of capital profits, if the airport was sold by MVC within 10 years, was made through an ad hoc committee created for the purchase of the airport.

MVC believes all communication should continue to be brought to the respective councils through the committee but Olds and Didsbury councils chose to refuse the offer via a letter to county council which was not the agreed procedure, said County Reeve Ian Harvie.

MVC passed a motion, at their regular meeting March 26, to send a letter to the Towns of Didsbury and Olds outlining Council's frustrations that protocol wasn't followed.

MVC received a letter dated March 3, 2003 from the towns stating they agreed to get an appraisal of the airport and sell it at market value.

Reeve Ian Harvie believed that by sending the letter via councils not committee, the towns had dealt with the issue on their own without consultation from MVC.

Didsbury Town Councillor Gary Dolha said he believes the County is splitting hairs about how they learned the towns were going to go ahead with

an appraisal.

Dolha said the \$2 offer for the airport was "a slap in the face".

"That's why we decided to get a fair-market value offer," said Dolha. "They say they want open discussions but they can't resist getting a dig in."

Olds Town Councillor Ben Coates disagrees with MVC that procedure was not followed.

"I don't know if that was ever agreed," said Coates, referring to the protocol stated by Harvie.

"All we said is that we would take it to our councils and let them know."

"Is there really that much difference if they find out through sub-committee or council?"

MVC Councillor Pat James said the committee should have the opportunity to finish its work.

Harvie praised James about trying to get the committee "back on track". "We were never given a price tag for the airport, we were asked to make an offer and we did," said James.

He said the committee agreed that if the offer wasn't acceptable they would come back to the committee. He said MVC had paid \$1 for the Sundre Airport and the \$2 offered to Olds and Didsbury was to make the deal binding.

It was not intended to insult, he said.

Coates said there are differences between the airports; Sundre Airport was more for private use, where Olds/Didsbury Airport has a potential for industrial use and thus has a higher value.

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Spring into spring

photo by Richard Westlund

Warm weather Sunday allowed Troy Tucker and Alan Ta to play basketball outside near the high school.

Didsbury in Red Deer health region for now, says MLA

by Richard Westlund

Didsbury will be represented in Health Authority #4 (Red Deer region) in the infant stages of Alberta's new health regions, local MLA Richard Mar confirmed late last week.

Didsbury Town Council passed a motion last month to seek realignment in the Calgary Region. The motion came after a petition circulated through Didsbury and other municipalities seeking a

move into the Calgary Health Region. Didsbury Mayor Dorothy Moore has argued a move to Calgary would provide a brighter future for the Didsbury Hospital and give it a better chance of becoming a satellite facility.

Marz said while Didsbury will start in the Red Deer Region, nothing has officially been "written in stone."

"Didsbury will be operating out of the Red Deer Region initially," said Marz. "If there is a need to change, an announcement will be made."

Marz said Mar's office is setting up appointments for him with the respective CEOs of both health authorities, where he will hear more about the plans each region would have for the Didsbury Hospital.

"Both Calgary and Red Deer have ideas on how to use the Didsbury Hospital," said Marz.

Marz said Mar will ultimately have the final say on which health region Didsbury

will fall into.

Grant Hemming, who was elected by Didsbury and area residents as a health authority board member in the last municipal election, was named as one of the board members for the Red Deer region at the beginning of March. He said he will be attending the first board meeting in Red Deer April 2.

Hemming said clarity is important on the issue because in the initial stages of setting up the health regions,

each community must be part of the process to establish their own footing. He also said clarity on the issue would put the minds of local healthcare workers at ease.

While Hemming and the rest of Didsbury wait for a decision on the issue, Hemming said he will push forward with his work.

"As an elected representative and appointed member of a board I will continue to represent the Didsbury Hospital in any region we go to."

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The curling team of Beverlee Collinge, Jim Brown, Ken Collinge and Peggy Fulkerth pose for a picture behind the house after scoring eight rocks in the seventh end of their final game at the St. Patrick's mixed bospiel held at the Didsbury Curling Rink.

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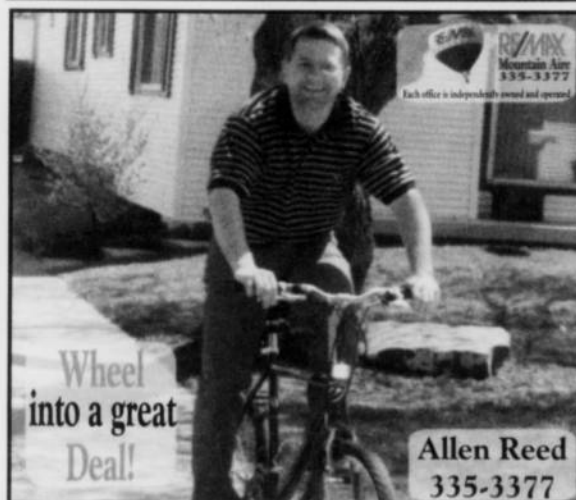
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Dolha said there are other parties interested in airport land and that hanger owners would have first crack at purchasing the property.

Coates said Olds and Didsbury would not have been able to accept such a low offer as the Municipal Government Act requires an appraisal on all municipal assets to be sold.

"We can't sell publicly owned property for less than its worth," said Coates.

He also stated the offer not only included capital profits to be shared but the fact the County would be charging the towns each \$5,000 annually until the airport started making money.

"To me we were seeking a win/win solution for the towns

and county. The offer they made was a win/lose in favour of the county," said Coates.

The Ad Hoc committee was formed in April 2002 to discuss the County purchasing the Olds/Didsbury Airport.

The Province has prepared a Rehabilitation Report for the Olds/Didsbury Airport for the next 10 years which projects a cost of \$800,000. While it is expected some of those costs would be offset with federal and provincial funding, the municipality owning the airport would still bear a cost of that total.

This offer to purchase the airport was put forward by the County earlier this year. The County offered to purchase the property for \$2 with a percentage of the net capital revenues

from the date of the sale put into a capital reserve for future improvements and any remaining funds after the ten-year period distributed equally between the Towns of Didsbury and Olds.

MVC also passed a motion to inform the Towns that the County would be willing to meet with them following the appraisal through the Ad Hoc committee.

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CONFINED FEEDING OPERATION

AAA Cattle Company receives NRCB approval

Conditions attached to approval

by Richard Westlund

AAA Cattle Company has been granted the go ahead to proceed with a 2,000 beef finisher and 16,200 head beef feeder facility by the (Natural Resources Conservation Board) NRCB.

The 40-page decision, released last Wednesday, is subject to conditions and follows a three day public hearing held at Lone Pine Hall, east of Didsbury in early February.

AAA Cattle Company's initial application was denied by NRCB approval officer Sandi Roberts because she deemed there wasn't enough information given about the proposed liner of the manure storage lagoon.

Other issues raised at the Feb. 5 to 7 meeting included runoff control catch basin, groundwater protection and water supply, separation distances and location of facilities and engineering certificates.

The decision states the Panel has had "careful regard" for the concerns raised by the various interested parties and that through conditions those concerns have been addressed.

"The Panel believes that through the use of conditions to the Approval, in combination with the commitments of the Applicant, the concerns these parties have raised can be adequately addressed," states the decision.

Most of the conditions set out by the NRCB have been set



AAA Cattle Company owner Simon Cobban explained his new liner system at an NRCB hearing on Feb. 5 at Lone Pine Hall. Cobban was expectedly happy about the decision issued last week in a 40-page document.

file photo by Richard Westlund

around the construction of the clay liner required for the manure catchment pond and feedlot pens.

AAA Cattle must ensure the construction of the catchment pond and feedlot pen liners are supervised by a professional engineer, that AAA Cattle provides the NRCB with a certificate confirming construction is done to necessary specifications, that there is at least one metre separation between the bottom liner of the catchment pond and any bedrock and, that one metre separates the liner and the water table. AAA Cattle Company must also ensure the catchment pond is con-

structed as per its site plan.

AAA Cattle Company must also implement a ground water monitoring plan according to the Groundwater Monitoring Program they submitted to the NRCB.

The liners under the catchment pond and feedlot pens must be certified on an annual basis along with an annual review of the groundwater monitoring plan.

One of the main concerns expressed by local residents at the Feb. 5 meeting was AAA Cattle Company's liner plan. NRCB regulations stated that if liners are made of a compacted naturally occurring material "the

liner must be not less than one metre thick when measured perpendicular to the liner's surface".

AAA Cattle company cited costs as being too high to meet the one meter requirement and provided evidence suggesting that a thinner liner under the pens and catchment pond could do the job.

AAA Cattle Company said their liners (30 cm under the pens and 60 cm under the catchment basin) would create a level of protection that would meet or exceed necessary standards.

AAA lawyer Keith Wilson argued the board was allowed to

consider "alternative liners" that offer the same or greater protection.

Committee for Lone Pine lawyer Alex McWilliam stated "a compacted clay liner is not an alternative liner system. It is just a clay liner that doesn't meet (regulations) and therefore can't be allowed."

In the decision the Panel acknowledges the one meter requirements is clear. However they allowed the thinner liner because they felt it was safe and that the Agricultural Operation Practices Act allows a person to apply for a variance of requirements "if in the opinion of an approval officer or the Board the variance provides the same or a greater degree of protection and safety as that provided for by the regulations."

While a decision may have provided light about the future of AAA Cattle Company, relationships have been severely damaged - something that hasn't gone unnoticed by the NRCB. The NRCB expects AAA will work closely with its neighbours.

"In reaching its decision, the Panel notes that there appeared to be a substantive commitment from AAA to work closely with its neighbours and to ensure that they are kept informed of its activities. While the Panel does not believe that this should be set out as a condition of the Approval, the Panel does expect AAA to meet this commitment. It is clear to the Panel that the relationship between AAA and the surrounding community has been damaged and the Panel expects that AAA will take all reasonable steps available in carrying out its operations to work towards gaining confidence from the community," states the decision.

Reaction to AAA decision varies from relieved to stunned

Lone Pine residents looking at options

by Richard Westlund

Following the decision made by the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) last Wednesday were predictable reactions from both sides of the now approved 16,400 head feedlot in the Lone Pine area.

AAA Cattle Company owners were relieved to finally receive the go-ahead for their proposed expansion, while Committee for Lone Pine members were "stunned" about the decision.

AAA Cattle Company applied for the feedlot expansion through the NRCB in early 2002. Neighbours organized the Committee for Lone Pine to oppose the initiative through public hearings conducted by the NRCB which received jurisdiction of approving Confined

Feeding Operations on Jan. 1, 2002. Before that, County Councils made the decisions regarding proposed feedlots for their area.

"Every one is pretty sullen," said Murray Marsh, chair of the Committee for Lone Pine. "Shock, angry and disbelief - to the point that it feels like a day dream," said Marsh answering a question about the mood of local residents.

"We've been through this a year now and we thought that we had put together a good case."

During the appeal proceedings Feb. 5, after the AAA Cattle Company was initially denied in its request because of inadequate information about the manure catchment pond at the proposed feedlot, Committee for Lone Pine lawyers argued that because AAA received a development permit prior to applying for expansion through the NRCB, their application had to include a plan to bring the entire operation up to regulations not just the expansion. Some local residents were hoping the appeal would be denied

on that basis.

"They waived that condition," said Marsh, pointing to the legislation. "(AAA) didn't even request that at the hearing and we expected that would be reflected in the decision."

Marsh said it is unclear what the next step for local residents will be. He said they would start talking about other possible avenues of fighting the feedlot on the weekend. Marsh admits he doesn't know whether there is an avenue left or the funds left to continue the fight. In the meantime he said neighbours will be keeping a watchful eye on the operation.

Marsh said a level of distrust towards the feedlot remains because of noncompliance issues of the past.

AAA owner Simon Cobban said he was extremely happy and pleased about the decision saying the Board did a good job in implementing measures that would protect the environment in a way that was beneficial to the industry.

Most of the conditions attached to the approval of the feedlot were put forward by



Committee for Lone Pine Chair Murray Marsh said local residents shocked about the NRCB decision that allows a 16,000 head feedlot to operate near their residences.

AAA Cattle Company. Cobban said the conditions were commitments owners of the operation were willing to make and

was happy to see them included.

Cobban said the animosity created by the events that have unfolded over the past few years have been extremely tough on his family and said they had been ostracised from the community - including his children.

And while relationships have suffered between AAA Cattle Company and local residents, Cobban is hopeful that one day that won't be the case, adding that it would take an effort on both sides.

"It's something that is reciprocal - it would take an effort on both sides. We have always had an open door policy. If someone isn't willing to work with us, there is not much we can do."

Cobban said the operation did receive support from community members that weren't right next to the operation and that he was thankful for that.

Currently there are 26 pens constructed at the site. AAA Cattle Company will have to build an additional 54 pens to bring the operation to capacity.

OPINIONS EDITORIAL

Health Regions



RICHARD WESTLUND
EDITORIAL

One way or another Didsbury needs to know what health region it is going to fall into over the long term.

With the realignment of health boundaries, communities and hospitals are trying to see how they fit into the big picture province wide. Board members are becoming familiar with their new colleagues, new communities and new circumstances. A plan needs to be established for Didsburians and the hospital. The problem is, no one seems to know which

health region we will be in even a month from now. It makes it extremely difficult for patients, healthcare workers and even our elected health board member Grant Hemming to know how to plan for the long term. In essence, other communities are getting a jump on us.

Part of the problem was the timetable in which the health authorities were set up. Didsbury didn't get a chance to voice their opinion on the region they wanted to fall into. Community members took it upon themselves to make their voices heard after the regions were established.

There are good arguments for both health regions. Personally I think Didsbury would be able to make a future for its hospital in either region. They would just have to become more responsible in taking direction to attract new services to the area.

What Didsbury does need now is confirmation about where they fit into the big picture. Once an answer on a health authority is given, work can begin on addressing local concerns and work can begin on establishing Didsbury's role within the boundaries it falls under.

For now Didsbury will be in Health Authority #4 - the Red Deer region. If the town is moving to the Calgary Health Region - it needs to know soon.



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Predicting future world production and trade conditions is a tricky business. Not many people foresaw that by 2001, former grain importers like Russia and Ukraine would export bumper crops of medium and lower quality grain and capture market share normally held by the traditional exporting countries. According to the CWB's recently released grain trade forecast, the influence of the "minor" exporters will continue to be felt in world wheat and barley markets in coming years.

The brightest point in this forecast, created by CWB market analysts, is future trade in malting barley. From a five-year average (from 1997-98 to 2001-02) of just over 1.1 million tonnes, Canada's malting barley exports are predicted to climb by 60 per cent to above two million tonnes annually by 2011-12. The main reason for this increase in demand is China's growing beer con-

sumption. China has a large population of young people whose personal disposable income is increasing. China's total malting barley imports are projected up from a five-year average of 1.9 million tonnes to 3.4 million tonnes in 2011-12.

Global wheat production is expected to increase by 14 per cent to 676 million tonnes by 2001 - 12. Wheat trade is also projected to grow by 15 per cent during this period. The Asia-Pacific region is anticipated to lead the growth in demand for wheat with total imports expected to increase by 24 per cent. The majority of this growth will come from China and Indonesia.

Canada's wheat exports are anticipated to remain stable at 17.2 million tonnes, reversing a downward trend experienced in the 1990s. Reasons for this stability are stronger competition from the non-traditional exporters and attractiveness of cropping alternatives. As well, more Canadian wheat is expected to be used for domestic feed, and by the alternative fuels sector,

Canada now accounts for over 50 per cent of world trade in high-quality wheat. The CWB analysts predict that global demand for high quality milling wheat will increase with total wheat trade. This means that demand for top grades of Canada Western Red Spring wheat will remain strong.

Canada is expected to hold its position as the largest durum exporter with about 3.7 million tonnes exported annually. However, minor durum exporters such as Australia, Turkey and Syria are likely to increase their market share within the next 10 years.

Canada's feed barley exports are projected to stay below 500 000 tonnes per year. Meanwhile, Ukraine and Russia are projected to emerge as the world's second and third largest feed barley exporters respectively.

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Wonderings of the heart

"Downscaling for a Move"

by Margaret Fradley

Moving can be a mind-set. There are many aspects to a move that must be considered. In our case we needed to make a decision based on three factors. We wanted to make our decision while we were both together; while we were able to make our own decision, and very importantly, when there was something available. Then when the decision is made, the fun begins.

First we begin to part with things we know we really don't need - this begins the mind set, for each one has to make up their minds as to what they think they don't need; then comes the time when we have to consider parting with things we might need sometime - they might come in handy (we often forget that when that time comes that we feel we could use that particular item, we don't remember where we carefully stored it). But it doesn't stop there - then comes a more difficult mind set; we need to part with treasures that have memories and that we cherish, but you guessed it - no room.

All these preparations for a move require a change of heart and mind. You now begin the process of seeing things move out, the children come and see what they could use and need or would like, then it moves out to hopefully those who can use and cherish what we have to part with.

The final mind-set and heart set is when the "For Sale Sign" goes up. Yes, this is for real. But it is always comforting to know that "we're not the first" - we do however have a new sense of awareness and compassion for those going through similar situations.



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New labour relations regulations

New regulations for the Labour Relations (Regional Health Authorities Restructuring) Amendment Act outline the process to streamline health care bargaining, ensure all workers employed by the regional health authorities are treated consistently, and deal with potential severance issues caused by the realignment of the regional health authorities.

The regulations establish a new labour relations framework for the bargaining in the regional health authorities. When the process is complete in the fall of 2004, each of the nine regional health authorities will have four bargaining units and each bargaining unit will have one agreement and one bargaining agent representing its employees.

"These regulations provide a road map for the Labour Rela-

tions Board and parties to most effectively and efficiently streamline health care bargaining and collective agreement administration," said Alberta Human Resources and Employment Minister Clint Dunford.

The Labour Relations Board (LRB) has been empowered to implement a fair and timely transition process and will rely on the participation of employers, unions and employees to ensure a smooth transition. The LRB will set timelines and conduct all votes and determinations during the transition.

To ensure a smooth transition, the LRB will work with the parties to resolve all outstanding union representation and collective agreement determination issues. The LRB will implement a process to deter-

mine which union will represent workers in the functional bargaining unit and to determine which type of agreement will be used as the starting point for each region-wide functional bargaining unit.

"It is important that the transition process treats employers, unions and employees fairly," said Dunford. "Having an independent body such as the Labour Relations Board handle the transition process ensures that there is a balance between all the parties' needs."

The regulation also addresses the question of severance. Staff who keep essentially the same job but change employers as a result of health authority boundary changes, or changes to the Alberta Mental Health Board, will not be eligible for severance.

- from Richard Marz's office

Reader wonders how taxes are spent

Dear Editor,

A couple of weeks ago I read a letter in your paper from K Behr, did I have a good laugh! I thought boy oh boy talk about hitting the nail on the head or what, good for her. Ever since that letter was in the paper I have heard people talking about it. I would have to say that most of them agree with that letter, I know I do. Then there are the ones that don't agree, maybe these people don't understand the way homeowners taxes work.

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You get the idea. In 2001 the town spent almost \$600,000.00 for maintenance on roads, streets & sidewalks. (WHERE) In the summer all the streets were washed that's right WASHED. In the winter how many streets were cleaned? When we have a warm winter and no SNOW, where does the money go that they put aside for snow removal? When they have no snow to remove. Did the money go to whoever did that poor excuse of the paving

job of Main Street? I think it took guts for K Behr sending a letter to the editor and I totally agree with what she said.

I've also read the letters; re Rev Nancy Nourse, Rachel Sawatzky Earle.

It's like they did not read the letter at all; it did not say anything rude about the residents of Didsbury, the lacking of clubs in Didsbury or anything about GOD's presence. Why bring religion into it? It takes one person who has the guts to start. If everyone who feels the same way should follow suit, things might change. Good going K Behr.

Sincerely,
Arlene Roschak

Gas station full-service will be missed

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my sincere disappointment at learning the Didsbury Gas station would be closing its Full Service outlet at the end of this month. I am one who does not like to pump my own gas, check my own oil or wash my own windows. I don't like smelling like gas or putting grease on my steering wheel, and I'm too short to clean my windows properly.

I like to be taken care of when I go to the gas station, and I will certainly miss the wonderful service I have always received at our local Full Service station.

I guess I'll be having my car

filled up at one of the Full Service stations in Olds or Carstairs now. Might be just as simple to get my groceries there too. What a shame.

Kathleen Windsor
Didsbury

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At Lone Pine Hall

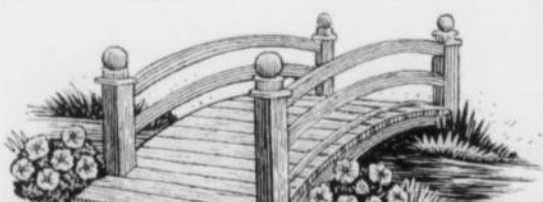
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- Corporate Services: April 10, 2003
- MPC: April 23, 2003
- Community Services: April 22, 2003

NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

The following Development Permits have been issued for the following proposed developments:

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NEWS

OPINION

AAA wins - neighbors, nature and common sense lose

Natural Resources Conservation Board doesn't that have a nice ring to it? "Natural Resources", surely that encompasses our physical environment upon which all life, not just human-kind, depends for existence and Conservation, the magic word that means there will always be enough if we are careful. And lastly "Board", no single authority head but a group presumably giving varied points of view.

My personal misgivings began last November at the hearings held in Didsbury to determine the issues of the AAA application for an 18,200 head feedlot approval and who would be heard to support the various interests. The Chairman, in introducing the panel, styled himself as a "former environmentalist". When I introduced myself and asked who then is representing the environment, he assured me, with a figurative pat on the head, that if I followed the hearings and decision, I would find that the panel had considered and protected all environmental concerns.

Think about the numbers. Imagine the populations of Didsbury, Carstairs, Crossfield, Olds and Sundre standing shoulder to shoulder confined in an area about the size of downtown Didsbury. Now of course cattle are much bigger than humans and stand horizontally not vertically so



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increase the crowding factor by at least 4 times. So this is a visualization of the sheer mass of beef to be. These animals require water, from 4 to 10 gal. per day per animal depending on weight and weather.

The hydrologists and engineers assure us that there is adequate well water. Food is easy, the operators buy what they need- there is no pasturing. Now as to manure, each animal produces about 10 times as much as a human and this is a very rough estimate, so guesstimate at least 100 tons per day. The experts testify that the berms, ditching, and containment liners will control run-off and keep pollutants out of the groundwater. But what if they don't? What happens if there is a heavy snowfall followed by a quick melt, unusually heavy rainfall, or a ditch wash-out? The question of what could be done to deal with groundwater pollution if it did occur was posed to one of the engineers. He

answered "I don't know, it's not my field". He can design a supposedly fool-proof system but can't fix it if it doesn't work.

Let's return to real life and common sense. Dealing with these numbers of animals in a vastly constricted area maximizes every possible stress on the land, water, air and animals. (Did I forget to mention the stink of 100 tons of new manure, accumulating day after day, especially in damp weather?) Sooner or later

some part of this system will fail. Ask the pork producers in North Carolina. They grow more hogs in intensive operations than anywhere else in the world and thought their regulations and planning had addressed all possible concerns. But Mother Nature got their attention; she sent a hurricane with torrential rains. Thousands of liquid manure lagoons overflowed spreading feces and urine over the land and into lakes and rivers - and

basements. Tens of thousands of pigs drowned.

The proponents of this feedlot operation, when they visited a few of the neighbors in 1997, talked about a "family business" starting with about 2,500 head and perhaps doubling that in time. Lax municipal practice allowed them to operate without any permit for two years and at double the permitted amount for another two years. Now the provincial body supposedly at least, to be

charged with the conservation of natural resources has allowed a Pandora's Box of dangerous possibilities to come into being.

Our authorities and experts operate "within their mandate", according to special expertise and education, and of course as the law allows. What-ever happened to common sense?

Robert Austin is a former educator and businessman who resides in Didsbury.



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ASPEN RIDGE LODGE

Third reading given to borrowing by-law

by Richard Westlund

Mountain View County Council has passed third and final reading of a borrowing by-law that will help see the construction of the Aspen Ridge Lodge in Didsbury.

After receiving endorsements from all of the applicable municipalities (Didsbury, Carstairs, Olds, Sundre and Cremona), County Councillors ratified the bylaw which will see \$3 million loaned through the County to Mountain View Seniors Housing.

County Commissioner Harold Johnsrude said the bylaw didn't receive any negative comments from the public - just positive feedback.

The County required the towns within its boundaries to commit to their portion of the debt in case of default.

The move to borrow money through the County was done so Mountain View Seniors Housing would be able to receive a locked rate through a 25-year debenture.

Borrowing money through a bank would be like a normal mortgage with rate adjustments every five years.

The bylaw allows the lodge to borrow an additional \$300,000 without requiring a new bylaw in case borrowing costs are more than expected.

The contract to build the Aspen Ridge Lodge has been awarded to Sebring Construction and depending on weather conditions ground on the project will be broke in mid-April.

Westcott residents consulted about drilling

by Tanya Cripps

Rosetta Exploration Inc. has spent three years completing its technical research and acquiring the necessary mineral rights to drill for a Swan Hills gas accumulation it believes it has found in the Westcott area.

The project is now at the public consultation stage and the company is looking for input from area residents.

"At Rosetta it is important for us to work closely with the community," said Robyn Lore, one of Rosetta's managing directors, noting that initial

responses have been quite positive.

"Our approach is to visit with all of the people in the surrounding area," he said, adding that they have spoken face to face with the residents of over 120 households so far.

"We want to have a development program for drilling and production that is safe, environmentally sound and works for people living in the area."

"It [the area] has theoretical potential and good oil and gas facilities," said Lore. The proposed exploration well site under

discussion is located at LS 9-22-30-3 W5M, 14 kilometres southwest of Didsbury, southwest of Westcott.

The Carstairs Gas Plant and the Harmattan Gas and Sulphur Plant are in close proximity to the site, which Lore says has capacity but will need upgrading to fit the type of gas anticipated and to take advantage of new technology available.

Rosetta wants local residents to be aware that a discovery will be sour, meaning it will contain hydrogen sulfide.

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ANIMAL CONTROL

County Council passes first reading of dog bylaw

*New definitions
and fine structure
proposed*

by Richard Westlund

Mountain View County Council gave first reading to a new Animal Control Bylaw at its regular meeting held March 26.

Senior Constable Jayson Nelson said the bylaw needed to be rewritten because it was not strong enough in dealing with animal attacks on livestock and humans.

Proposed changes to the bylaw include more clearly defined terms, better clarification of how a dog can be determined vicious, clarified conditions for controlling vicious dogs, creation of prohibitions relating to the biting and chasing of persons and other animals and authority to impound suspect dogs. The new proposed by-law also includes new penalties which increase for repeat offences.

"At times the animal control bylaws have not been able to address more serious concerns," said Nelson introducing the by-law to councillors.

While all councillors voted to give the new by-law first reading, not all councillors

seemed particularly thrilled about a new dog by-law.

Councillor Linda Burrell said the problem with dog by-laws is that they are pretty much "unenforceable". After hearing that the County had dealt with just two dog bites in the last two-and-a-half years, she wondered if that was enough to have to introduce a new dog by-law.

"So for two dog bites over two-and-a-half years we are going to have a new dog by-law," she said.

Later in the meeting, when talking about the role the RCMP plays when dealing with a dog that has bitten a person, Burrell stated she was the owner of a dog that

bit someone and she was faced with options of either putting the dog down or going to court.

Other councillors also reflected on negative experiences dealing with neighbours dogs. Reeve Ian Harvie and Councillor Ben Penner said they have had roaming dogs bother their livestock in the past.

"I shouldn't have to fend off my cattle from these dogs," said Penner.

Councillor Pat James said he supported the new by-law and Councillor Charlie van Arnam said it was basically cleaning up the old by-law.

Nelson said the by-law would be enforced after con-

tinuous complaints by a ratepayer. He said after one incident he would talk to the dog owner. Multiple complaints could lead to having the victim write up a statement and a charge would be laid.

Penalties associated with the new dog by-law range from \$75 for a dog running at large to \$1,000 for a dog bite on a person.

"At times the animal control bylaws have not been able to address more serious concerns."

- Jayson Nelson,
County Constable

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COUNTY

Lack of gov't support for seniors housing worries councillors

by Carla Victor

The first long-range planning to look at income/expenditure and capital requirements for the next decade was a shocking experience for Mountain View Seniors Authority.

Long-term planning reveals the Mountain View Seniors Authority is all right financially, until seven or eight years down the road when the next major capital project comes along. At that point it is projected the authority will have to borrow substantially.

"We don't have a lot of reserves to work with," said Mountain View County Councillor Charlie Van Arnam.

Van Arnam said Mountain View County Council had borrowed \$3 million to get Didsbury's new lodge up and running and it will use most of the county's resources in debt repayment for the next number of years, inhibiting them from building reserves to use for the next capital project. Council anticipates the next major project to be the replacement of the Mount View Lodge in Olds. This lodge was built in the 1960s and is not designed for today's needs.

Planning projects zero profit in 2003 and profits ranging from \$50,000 to \$70,000 for years between 2004 and 2010. In 2011 deficits begin to show as high as \$572,000 until 2013. Most of the profits will go to debt repayments and building operating reserves and it isn't nearly enough.

"A stab-in-the-dark guess is that the Olds lodge will cost about \$8 million," said Van Arnam.

This is a wake-up call for seniors housing and plans need to be made to get Aspen Ridge Lodge in Didsbury up and running and then sit down and look at options.

"We are obviously going to have to find different ways of running the business and different ways of financing capital construction and lobby the government for more financial help. He said all seniors hous-

ing across the province are facing the same issues.

"Aging facilities, aging population and lack of provincial government support," said Van Arnam.

An issue expected to be addressed is the fact some of the residents using publicly funded seniors housing shouldn't be in there, but have no other alternatives, said County Councillor Dave Derksen.

"We may be serving a client that should be served somewhere else," said Derksen.

The people that should be served elsewhere are seniors that can afford private facilities but do not use them because no private facilities exist in communities within Mountain View County except for Sunrise Village in Olds.

Mountain View Seniors Housing Authority is intended to provide assistance and housing to low income seniors only. The Authority believes there are people using the housing that shouldn't qualify and would be able to afford private institutions.

Across rural Alberta the private sector has not moved in because they feel there isn't a high enough population demand of financially secure seniors and therefore not a high enough profit for the private sector to locate in rural Alberta.

"Just because you have accumulated some wealth you can't stay in your own community? That is the difficulty we face at the Authority," said Van Arnam.

New ways of doing business within the Authority is one option to fix the problem.

One innovative way might be to create a facility where one wing of a lodge is dedicated to low income seniors and have the rest of it charge higher rent for seniors who can afford it.

"We're going to have to find something because we are looking at taxpayers in Mountain View County and its municipalities footing the bill and it is substantial," said Van Arnam.



photo by Richard Westlund

Paper project unveiled

The Didsbury and District Historical Society unveiled its paper's project to project donors on Sunday. Evelyn Adams, who approached the Society about making an attempt to bring the papers from the Alberta Legislature Library to the museum, was given the honour of being the first to open an envelope of old papers. "I think it's great. I feel like I've accomplished a goal," she said. Historical Society President Dale Weiss said the papers and use of the microfilm reader are available to the public during the museum's regular hours or by appointment. "It's a sense of completeness," said Weiss at the unveiling. "I can't conceive a proper museum without having this information on hand."

Trade show goes this weekend

by Richard Westlund

Early indications are suggesting there will be a higher turnout of businesses at this year's Didsbury Trade Show.

"Booth sales are up," said Joelle Fournier about the event scheduled to take place at the Didsbury Memorial Complex April 5 and 6. "It already looks like it is going to be another terrific event."

Fournier said a lot of new businesses in town have purchased a booth for the Trade Show, which is a fund-raiser for the local Chamber of Commerce. She said the trade show allows businesses to showcase their products and services but that established businesses are able to reach the current customer base as well. She said the annual event is very good for the livelihood of Didsbury.

"The event brings a lot of people into Didsbury," said Fournier adding that guests

patronize local businesses while they are in town.

She said For Trees, a company she owns with her husband Gerard, receives six months of its businesses from a booth at the Trade Show.

"It's very beneficial for us," she said, reiterating that businesses are able to reach out to their existing customer base as well at the event.

Something that is new at this year's event is the environmental theme.

Recycling and compost bins will be set up at various locations at the trade show in an attempt to show the public how much material can be diverted from landfill sites by being proactive in recycling and composting methods. The Mountain View Waste Commission is spearheading the attempt to make the Trade Show a "zero waste event."

The event, along with showcasing local businesses,

will also feature entertainment. The Didsbury Art Show and Sale will be perhaps the largest event in conjunction with the Trade Show and will be celebrating its 50th year.

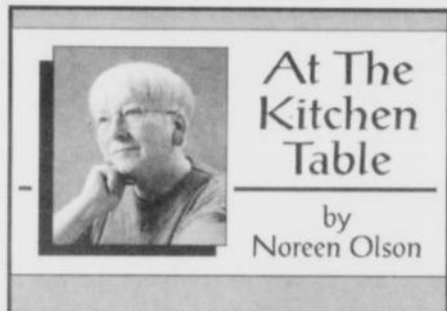
Fournier said the entertainment on Saturday features younger entertainers, and as is tradition, the fiddlers will take the stage on Sunday.

Saturday will feature acts by Buckles Belts and Beaus, St. Anthony's Singers, Florence Owens Dancers, 5-0 Singers, Echo Music, Wild Rose Harmonizers, Monika with a K and Top Note Music.

A Toonie Pan-ake Breakfast will be featured Saturday morning starting at 7:45 a.m.

Sunday morning will start with a Gospel Hour, led by Monika with a K at noon. The Fiddle Jamboree will take up most of the time on the stage on Sunday afternoon. Prize giveaways take place at 4:30 p.m.

LIFESTYLES



At The Kitchen Table

by
Noreen Olson

Dalene and Andy are expecting their first baby in May. Dalene is my niece and the daughter of my brother Dale and his wife Dianne. At a family gathering last week Dianne hidden me a small lumpy package and confessed to a secret, hidden from me, for the last twenty five years. The package contained the Raggedy Anne that I had made for Dalene in 1972. Some of the seams in her clothing had worn a bit, the elastic in her bloomers had given way so they drooped badly and her complexion was a bit grimy but she still had both shoe button eyes, her embroidered heart and her happy smile. She was also totally bald. In about 1977 Dalene and her sister Michelle had given the doll a haircut. Red Yarn does not style very well so Dianne took poor little Raggedy Anne to one of her handicrafting sisters who removed the remaining yarn but didn't know how to proceed from there and so Raggedy remained bald for a long, long time. Now with the new baby coming and Dalene decorating a nursery, they finally confessed the crime to me and wondered if I would give the doll a new head of hair.

In 1914 Johnny Gruelle was an established writer and artist who did Political cartoons and had his own comic strips. One day his 8 year old daughter Marcella visited him in his office clutching a faded and faceless rag doll that she had found in her Grandmothers attic. Marcella suffered from a valvular heart disease and was very frail. Her father adored her and with his drawing pens he gave the doll a smiling mouth and a triangular nose. He found a couple of shoe buttons in his desk drawer and told Marcella to have her mother sew them on for eyes. From a book of poems by James Whitcombe Riley the father and daughter chose two of their favorites, The Raggedy Man and Little Orphant Annie and they named the doll Raggedy Anne.

When Marcella was ill and not sleeping well Johnny encouraged her to relax by telling her stories about the adventures that Raggedy Anne and the other toys had while the household was asleep. He patented a drawing of the doll in 1915 and in the picture the doll has dark straggly hair, horizontally striped leggings, black shoes, floppy hat, print dress, ruffled pantaloons and a puffy apron. Marcella died in 1916, not long before the first books of Raggedy Anne stories were published, and as the books were coming out the publisher suggested that a doll, like the one in the illustrations, might help sales at the book launch. The Gruelles handmade the first doll and then about 200 more were produced commercially.

After the books came out Gruelle received a package in the mail that contained a boy rag doll, very similar to the one Marcella had found in Grandma's attic. The accompanying letter explained that the owner of the doll had been a friend of Gruel's grandmother and this was the twin to the doll Marcella had rescued. So Raggedy Andy was born and he began to appear in the books in 1920.

Lady Bird Johnson had a Raggedy Anne, Caroline Kennedy, Shirley Temple, Bob Hope, Lucille Ball, Captain Kangaroo, Dustin Hoffman. The list is endless. The Gruel family holds the copyright on Anne and Andy and several companies have trademark rights but anyone has the right to reproduce Ann and Andy from a licensed pattern for his/her own use. Commercial models are readily available but the homemade ones are best.

I started making them from a McCall's pattern in 1959. I have made and given away 58 Ann and Andy's since then. They have gone from Vancouver to Nova Scotia, to boys and girls, adults and babies. My sister Marj was visiting this week and I got her to take Dalene's doll apart, no mean feat since I sew them as if you were going to tie horses to them. We removed all the old dusty stuffing, washed all the body parts and clothing, restuffed with fresh white fibrefill, put her all back together, sewed the eyes back on, new frilly white panties, new curly red hair. She looked as fresh and pretty as the day she was born and I hope she lasts for another 30 years. But no more haircuts.

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by Noreen Olson



Mocking shadows

On Thursday April 10, the Mocking Shadows will bring their high-energy rhythm and blues revue to an all-ages show at the Didsbury Memorial Complex. Appearing with them will be the DHS Jazz Ensemble. The show starts at 7:30. Tickets are \$5 for students/seniors, \$10 for adults and \$25 for families and are available at the highschool (335-3356)

St. Cyprian's A.C.W. News

by Anne Milne

The March meeting was held in the hall on Mar. 24 at 1:30 p.m.

Coline welcomed the ladies and led in the opening prayer.

Some stories have come in for the Memory Book. Everyone is welcome to write a story about their life, please try to get yours in soon.

Dates to remember:

Sat. April 5 - Deanery meeting in Rimbey

Sun. May 4 - "Bring a pie - buy a pie" day. The last one was very successful.

Sat. May 24 - Spring Tea from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. featuring a delicious dessert, a bake sale and a plant sale.

It is planned to have a "quiet day" on Sat. June 28, a guest

speaker will be invited, lunch will be "bring your own Brown Bag".

Hazel's paper was on "Prayer" titled "a Skeptic Starts to Pray".

Spring has arrived and with it comes the Easter season. Have a Happy Easter. The next meeting will be Mon. April 28 in the church Hall at 7:30 p.m. (note time change).

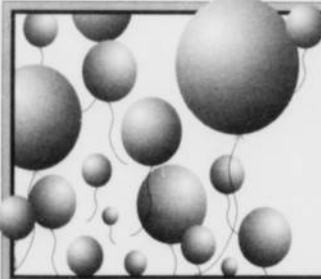
Didsbury 4-H Horse Club start riding

by Jodi-Lynn Krebs

Our meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Rosebud Hall. Jeni Neufeld opened with the pledge. As usual we reviewed our last meeting. We talked about District dues, and at the Calgary Regional Fun Spiel in Airdrie last month, one of our teams placed fourth and the other team place sixth, everyone did a great job! There is a Multi Judging Workshop that West Didsbury is hosting on March 29, 2003. It is from 10 am to 3 pm at Olds Cow Palace. In new business, we talked about the West Nile vaccination and want to have Dr. Hall come to a ride for those club members interested in getting their horse done, also we were updated on what all was said at

the District meeting, plus, there will be a Clothing and Tack swap at the April meeting. Reminder, battery and bottle money is due.

Our weekly riding practices have started, hopefully, the warm weather is here to stay and there will be no more cancellations. Warm weather makes riding more enjoyable. Right, Mom's and Dad's.



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Local artist Joyce Mullen retires from teaching

When her final "after school" class of Juniors finished this March, Mrs. Joyce Mullen retired from teaching Art on a regular basis to young people.

She began her teaching career in 1967, & for 8 years she taught her classes in the late Annie McNaughton's basement rumpus room. In 1975 she opened the Spectrum Art Studios at the new home she & her

husband had moved to, & also began teaching Porcelain painting. She holds a certified teachers certificate & a certified Porcelain Artists certificate from the International Porcelain association, based in Dallas Texas.

For 15 years she produced a painting for a Xmas card for Contemporary Graphics, which was also sold to the public, and also did a Trilogy of

Didsbury's historical Buildings, the C.P.R. Station, the sandstone school & the Hiebert house. These were published as prints by Contemporary Graphics.

Joyce's students have done well at the local art show, this year celebrating its 50th Anniversary, as well as taking major awards at the Calgary Stampede Western Show Case & the County Fair at Olds.

Two of her students have won a 2nd & first for southern Alberta at the Stampede Scholarship competition for Graduating Grade XII students.

Her courses will be taught in her Studio, by her granddaughter, Karilea Berg, beginning in September 2003. Karilea is a graduate of Spectrum Studio, and the class will be held Saturday mornings with a limited enrollment for young people 11 1/2 years &

up. There are 2 places left in the class for this fall.

Joyce has enjoyed the young people she has taught & will miss them. She will continue her July workshop for out of town students until the present group are finished, & will keep her Porcelain painting group.

She is already working on a show of her own, to be held in the Board Room of the Didsbury Library in June 2004. She hopes to see her friends there.



County recognition

Clifford and Marion Scott, who live west of Didsbury, were recognized by Mountain View County at the March 26 regular County meeting. The Scotts, who retired from dairy farming nine years ago, are raising beef cattle and showing them in events such as the Olds College Steer Test and the carcass competition at the Calgary Stampede.

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"Gas with hydrogen sulfide is not new," he said, adding there are many sour gas wells in the area and across Alberta, and that they are looking for methane, ethane, butane, propane, and pentane.

"If we discover gas with hydrogen sulfide, our approach will be to deal with it in a responsible manner that is very safe," said Lore. To learn more about the proposed Westcott exploration well make sure to attend the open house at the Westcott Community Center on April 4th and 5th.

Rosetta employees and experts will be on hand to answer questions ranging from the science, geology and geophysics involved in picking the site, to the drilling equipment that is available to implement the company's safety precautions.

The open house runs Friday, April 4th from noon to 8 p.m. and Saturday, April 5th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Rosetta Exploration Inc. is a Canadian owned natural gas exploration company that was formed in mid 1999.

With 15 employees, the company is focusing its exploration in Alberta and British Columbia.

Rosetta has plans for a number of Swan Hills

projects, with the Westcott well being the second.

The company's first Swan

Hills well was drilled last year at Strachan, just south of Rocky Mountain House.

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LIFESTYLES

Up and down the Fireman's Ladder

by Tyrone Patten

This month I will begin by telling you about our curling team - again! On February 28 to March 1, Rick Mousseau, Jenni Dodman, Greg Hnatiuk and Terry Stevenson, with sponsorship from Fountain Tire, curled in the Lions bonspiel here in Didsbury. After all was said and done, they won the B Event. (To set the record straight, Fountain Tire did not give the team shoes made of the same material as the new ice radials that are sold by the company.) We would all like to extend our congratulations to the team and wish them luck in their future bonspiels.

While we are in a congratulatory mood, we would like to announce that our newest recruits - Jimmy Rylance, Ashley Stewart, Ester Peterson, Dave Jennings and Todd Hnatiuk - have finished their basic training and have "graduated". It's hard to believe that 12 weeks have passed since they first came to the hall. We all wish all of you welcome.

It was recently decided that we would sign with STARS to dispatch us for 911 calls. Depending on budget availability we may make the move as early as this fall. I will keep you informed as time goes by.

Here it comes again. The annual Didsbury Firemen's Cabaret is May 10, 2003, in the Multi Purpose Room at the Complex. We are looking forward to another record crowd. Peter Michaels of BIG 105 will be our DJ again. Get your tickets early, as we sell out fast. Like last year, there will be lots of prizes and a midnight lunch. Tickets are available from any member of the Didsbury Fire Department, for \$10 per person.

Since last report we have responded to 6 calls. They were:

- MVA's - 3
- Ambulance Assists - 2
- Alarm, no fire - 1

From the archives of the DDFA. This is from the August 23, 1978 issue of the Didsbury Booster:

Donkey Baseball comes to town. August 17, 1978 at 7:00 p.m., members of the fire department, RCMP and Town Council played a game of donkey baseball against the CFAC Good Guys.

The game is simple (maybe). The pitcher throws the ball, the batter hits it, jumps on a donkey and rides to first base. Only one problem - the donkeys are trained to do all the wrong things.

Admission was \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children. With a standing room only crowd in the arena, \$1800.00 was made. After expenses the remainder was donated to Muscular Dystrophy. The score was tied at the end of the game and a donkey race was in order. Dale Luft of the fire department crossed the finish line first to claim victory for the home team.

It has been mentioned that if we can find 12 donkeys, we could have another game organized in no time.

Take care everyone and take advantage of the sunny days we are having.

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It is coming to the time of year when we pass down our crowns. Our reign is almost over and we are looking for the next Queen and Princess. It is a big responsibility, but a highly rewarding experience. If you have the honor of being the next queen or princess, you will encounter experiences and memories that you will cherish for a lifetime.

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Weight gain

Curves patrons have been trying to gain weight recently - in terms of food for the food bank. As part of Curves' national campaign to collect food for the less fortunate, local participants brought in over 900 pounds of food.

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New "on the grow" business will help "on the grow" kids

Got kids that are growing like weeds? No, it has nothing to do with the onset of the gardening season. As anyone with kids will tell you, though, the change of each season seems to bring on the, often, startling revelation that your child has grown a foot since this time last year.

When it comes to clothing, shoes, or toys, your problems have just been solved. A new business will soon be coming to Didsbury aimed at providing families with quality consignment clothing for children between the sizes of 0-6X along with a wide variety of baby supplies and maternity wear items.

"On the Grow" is the mas-

termind of local area mom, Joey Shields who plans to open her shop on the south end of main street (in the same building as Curves for Women and Jimbits) the second week of April.

Shields came up with the idea to open "On the Grow" after contemplating her desire to find a career that allowed her to spend more time with her children while still providing an income. "I have a three-year-old and a one-year-old and I just couldn't see the point of putting them in daycare while I went off to work...it just didn't pay," Shields explains. "...being able to bring them to work with me and do some of the (admin-

istrative) work during the evenings just seemed like the most sensible solution."

Shields believes the popularity of consignment stores among parents in search of quality children's clothing will be a continued trend. "The rising cost of kid's clothing and the lack of other places in town right now to buy clothes for your children is really what got me thinking about this more seriously. The more I thought about it, the more the idea just seemed to flow...it makes sense to me to be doing this right now."

Since sending out a pamphlet announcing the store's impending opening some weeks

ago, Shields has received dozens of phone calls from women in the area looking to consign their children's clothing. "The demand has just been fantastic," says Shields. "Right now we have a ton of baby stuff, but could still use clothing in sizes 3 - 6X. All items must be next-to-new and freshly laundered with no stains. I pay out 45 per cent and 50 per cent on larger items over \$25.00."

"On the Grow" will be open Tuesday - Friday from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm and Saturdays from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Anyone interested in contacting Joey Shields about consignment items can call her at 335-GROW.



Joey Shields

Lion's annual auction is fast approaching

It has become as recognizable in Didsbury as the Annual Right to Spring. Once again the Didsbury Lion's Annual Auction is quickly approaching.

Be sure to mark Saturday, April 12th on your calendar to avoid missing out on any of the hundreds of items and services up for grabs this year.

Lion's Member Fred Morrish says doors will open at the Memorial Complex around 11:00 am for viewing

for an hour before the actual Auction begins at 12 noon.

Although the Auction is hosted by the Lions Club, the actual "auctioneering" duties are being donated by Pilgrim Auctions from Olds.

"They are very professional and they are donating their time and their services for which we are very, very grateful."

The Annual Auction is actually one of many events the Lions typically hold during the course of the year. Money

raised at such events, Morrish explains will be channeled into a long standing commitment the Club has made to the renovations planned for the Multipurpose Room at the Memorial Complex.

"We are forwarding the proceeds towards the construction of a new kitchen in there," Morrish explains.

Anyone interested in attending the Auction is encouraged to show up early as ample crowds experienced in

previous years mean items go quickly.

A bake sale table as well as concession will be open during the auction for the enjoyment of its patrons," explained Morrish.

Donations towards the Auction are still being collected by Lions Club Members.

Anyone interested in making a donation of goods or services can call Fred Morrish to make arrangements.



Fred Morrish

Store will floor its customers

Anyone who enjoys looking at showhomes will fall in love with Didsbury's newest gallery - the Gallery of Floors.

Inside their downtown business storefront you will find everything your home could use in the way of flooring, carpeting, linoleum, tile, window coverings and other home finishings.

"We wanted to make it so that when people come into our store, they could actually picture how our products might look in their home," says Owner, George Waite.

Waite operates the business with one of his sons, Shaun Waite, and Amy Bradshaw. While the business operation is new to Didsbury, the concept and practice of providing qual-

ity home finishings has been in the Waite family for generations. "I started out in this business in 1947 as an installer and service contractor in Victoria when I got out of the Navy," explains George who worked hard raising a family of nine with his wife. "I worked for places like the Bay and Simpson Sears for years before branching out on my own."

Experience and reputation followed the Waite family out to Alberta where they settled in Didsbury. "I moved out here about two years ago and absolutely love it. We operate out of a major supplier in Calgary who can guarantee us the lowest prices possible. We still have quite a large customer base in

Calgary, but now we're starting to do more in the Olds/Didsbury/Carstairs area. We've been very pleased with the response we've been getting."

Gallery of Floors installs all of the items sold in their store - just one of the many features that set it aside from many of the "box" stores seen in larger cities like Calgary. Shaun (George's son) has been in this business for 20 years and brings with him a wealth of information and experience for customers to draw upon. "I have specialized training in hard surface linoleum from the Armstrong linoleum School in Armstrong, B.C.," says Shaun. "I also have training in laminate flooring too...I have two other brothers that are in the



Shaun Waite and Amy Bradshaw

flooring business too - one in Calgary and one in Winnipeg."

One of the unique products carried by Gallery of Floors is their ability to provide specialized linoleum materials to satisfy the special needs hospitals often experience.

"We do all welding of lino-

leum for hygienic reasons for places like hospitals and the like," explains George. "It's a unique service...no one else out here is doing that."

Gallery of Floors is located along Didsbury's main street near Clippers and Mountain View Sports.



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LIFESTYLES

Rosebud 4-H Sheep Club - activities

by Amanda Engel

Ahh...finally springtime has almost arrived, and as our project lambs are growing profusely, members are busily discussing the exciting upcoming events.

First of all, everyone would like to congratulate junior member Sydney Budgeon for placing second, intermediate members Kaylea Richardson who also placed second, and Jennifer Price for getting alternate at the Area Public Speaking competition which was held March 2nd at the Westbrook School. Great job on your hard

work, and awesome speeches. Also, on February 20th, our team consisting of Katie Price, Jen Price, Trent Price and Amanda Engel attended the Regional Curling Funspiel, which was held at the Airdrie Curling Club.

They ended up placing extremely well in their division, and said it was a long day, but well spent!

Our tagging day is to be held March 22nd, so everyone make sure that your projects are caught, and birth information is ready when the taggers come. On March 29th, we are getting in our practice with a Multi-

Judging Trip, which will consist of going to various farms and judging/getting critiques on sheep, horses, and cattle, while having a lunch in between. Other events that are coming up include the Jr./Int. Fun Day, which will be held April 12 at the Balzac Hall with games, a pizza supper, and a dance to top everything off. Also, a few of our members will be attending the Olds Multi-judging Competition held April 26, at the Olds Cow Palace.

Well, I wish everyone a happy spring, and watch for our members at future activities.



photo by Richard Westlund

Blending in

Gophers are one of the first signs of spring, and with the grass not turning green yet, pastures are providing good cover for them.

Hometown treasures, downhome pleasures

Have you ever wondered what your family's "treasures" are actually worth? Join the Didsbury Historical Society and the Didsbury Municipal Library for a day of "Hometown Treasures, Downhome Pleasures".

This is an opportunity for you and your family to bring your antiques and collectibles to an on-location appraisal by Brian Lehman, right here at the Didsbury Train Station! Costs are \$25.00 - 1 item, \$15.00 - 2nd item, \$10.00 for each additional item. Appraisals are BY APPOINTMENT ONLY so please call Brian and Donna Lehman at 403-249-7333 to book your appointment today.

We also welcome you to join us that day for some "Hometown Treasures" of our own, local entertainment by cowboy poet Bryn Thiessen, the Didsbury 5-0 singers, and country vocalists Buckles, Belts and Beaus featuring Pete Van Tighem.

As well, one of the highlighted treasures of the day is a special guest display by Wytse deVries, an avid collector of TV

Western Memorabilia. He'll even provide us with the opportunity to see a few good old-fashioned western movies, complete with popcorn and lemonade!

Saturday, April 26th, from, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Didsbury Train Station

Admission: \$2.00/person \$5.00/family

For more info call Natalie @ 335-4630

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Focus on the Family



QUESTION: It's obvious that our teenage son is rapidly becoming an adult. What guidelines can you offer to help us transfer power at the right time -- neither early nor late?

DR. DOBSON: There are some approaches that have been successful in lessening this conflict. The Amish people have developed a unique tradition that has succeeded for them. Strict discipline and harsh standards of behavior are imposed from infancy. When children turn 16 years of age, however, they enter a period called "Rumspringa." Suddenly, all restrictions are lifted. They are free to drink, smoke, date, marry, or behave in ways that horrify their parents.

Some Amish children do just that. But most don't. They are even granted the right to leave the community if they choose. But if they stay, it must be in accordance with the social order. The majority accept the heritage of their families, not because they must, but because they choose to.

Although I admire the Amish and many of their approaches to child-rearing, I believe the Rumspringa concept is implemented too quickly for children raised in a more open society.

It works in the controlled environment of Amish country, but it would be disastrous for most of the rest of us. I've seen families grant "instant adulthood" to their adolescents, to their regret.

If it doesn't work to transfer power suddenly to young people, how can they be established as full-fledged adults without creating a civil war in the process? I have recommended that parents begin granting tiny elements of independence literally in toddlerhood.

When a child can tie his shoes, he should be permitted -- yes, required -- to do it. When she can choose her clothes, she should make her own selections within reason. When he can walk safely to school, he should be allowed to do so.

Each year, more responsibility and freedom (they are companions) must be given to the child so that the final release in early adulthood is merely a small, final release of authority. This is the theory, at least. Pulling it off is sometimes quite another matter.

In the final analysis, your own son or daughter will let you know when the time is right for independence. You must judge his or her maturity, wisdom and emotional readiness for full-fledged adulthood. Then you grant it -- and pray diligently for the next 30 years.

QUESTION: Our 21-year-old daughter came home from college and moved back into her old bedroom. Now, three years later, she's still there. She doesn't work, she has no ambition or direction, and she seems perfectly content to freeload on her dad and me. I know she ought to get on with her life, but what can I do? I can't just force her out, can I?

DR. DOBSON: Your daughter is not alone. Millions of young adults are living at home and loving it. They have no intention of growing up -- and why should they? Food is prepared. Clothes are laundered and the bills are paid. There's no incentive to face the cold world of reality, and they are determined not to budge. Some, like your daughter, even refuse to work.

I know it's difficult to dislodge a homebound son or daughter. They're like furry little puppies who hang around the back door waiting for a saucer of warm milk. But to let them stay year after year, especially if they're not pursuing career goals, is to cultivate irresponsibility and dependency. That's not love, even though it may feel like it. There comes the time when you must gently but forthrightly hand the reins over to your adult daughter and force her to stand on her own. I think it's time to help her pack.

Giving a shove to a 24-year-old woman may seem cruel at the time, but I encourage you to consider emancipating her. If that never happens, lasting characteristics of dependency and immaturity may ensue. I suggest you sit down and talk to your daughter, explaining why the time has come for her to make a life of her own. Set a deadline, perhaps two or three weeks ahead, and begin preparing for it. Then give her a big hug, a promise of prayers, and send her on her way.

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AROUND THE CIRCLE

Lone Pine Hall holding its Spring Dance on April 5

by Marge St. Clair

Thurs. April 3

Please phone Bea 335-3058 or Gen 335-3449 to reserve your seat and get your MONEY in today if you plan to go to see "A Chorus Line" on April 30th.

Thurs. Apr. 3

The Hospital Auxiliary will meet today at 2:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Hospital. New members always welcome.

Fri. April 4

Every Fri. night is Cribbage night at Eldon Foote Hall (Train Station) play starting at 7:00 p.m. This is a smoke free environment, have coffee & goodies to finish up the evenings.

Sat. April 5

Everyone is welcome to the Pub Night at Mountain View Community Hall. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., supper is at 7:00 p.m., games & music. Tickets from 335-4434 or 335-4465.

Sat. April 5

Lone Pine Hall is holding the Spring dance with Suzy Q supplying the live music. Doors open at 8:00 p.m., dance starts at 9:00 p.m. and a late lunch is served. Tickets by phoning 335-9925 or 337-2223. If you would like to rent Lone Pine Hall for an event please phone 335-4525.

Wed. April 9

This is the Easter Pot luck dinner at the 5-0 Club at 12:30 p.m. The meat is supplied. Everyone welcome.

Wed. April 9

This is registration night for the Didsbury Aqua Jets Swim club at the Memorial Complex at 7:00 p.m. There

will be an information session and question period to follow. Interested families most welcome.

Fri. April 11

The Seniors bus is going to "The Passion Play" at Spruceview leaving the 5-0 Centre at 6:00 p.m. Phone Bea 335-3058 or Gen 335-3449 to reserve your seat and enjoy!

Sat. April 12

Please support the Didsbury Lions Club in their endeavors to raise money for community events by donating saleable merchandise and attending the auction sale at the MP Room at the Complex from 12 noon - 5 p.m. Fred at 335-3646 will gladly pick up your donations.

Sat. April 12

The Carstairs I.O.D.E. Thrift Shop will be a busy place today from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. as they put all goods out for the annual "Mothers Day Sale". If you need more details call Marie 337-2854.

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See You in Church This Sunday!

Many attend Service of Worship at new church

by Mrs. Bessie Eckstrand

The Historical Society of Didsbury - under the direction of Glenda Hunsperger sponsored the Rosebud Theatre Players in the play "Footprints of a Pilgrim" about the life of Ruth Graham & husband Billy Graham in the Didsbury Complex. It was fairly well attended, and all enjoyed the play & the pie & coffee afterwards. After expenses were paid a bit of money was left for the Museum to pay its expenses.

The New Zion Evangelical

Missionary Church in the valley, Didsbury held its first service on Sunday, March 16th. Pastor Grant Sikstrom gave the Service of Worship. A large number of area people attended.

We wish them congratulations & many years of God's Blessings & service to the community. I imagine there were a few tears & heartaches & memories as they left the old church.

The Grand Opening of U.C.W. - New Thrift Shop took place on a cold & snowy day

Feb. 14th, a good crowd & with enthusiastic volunteers, serving coffee & squares all had a good time & the winner of the door prize was Doreen Palma of Didsbury. Congratulations Doreen.

The March 12 Brunch held at Westcott Hall on Wednesday was well attended with 18 ladies & 12 children present. The

St. Patrick theme was carried out by green tablecloths, punch & green icing on muffins & loaf cake. The next meeting will be April 9th with Connie Luft & Ethel & Karen Baudistel in charge. All ladies & family of the area are welcome to attend.

Well the snow is nearly gone, I never thought it would go so fast, in just a few hrs there were

just a few drifts left. I couldn't believe it. And we see water everywhere, dugouts full & rivers in high flow, we were beginning to think it wouldn't happen again, but Good Old Alta came awful close to letting us down. "Last year was a year" but now this yr. its starting out good. So hears hoping for a great 2003.

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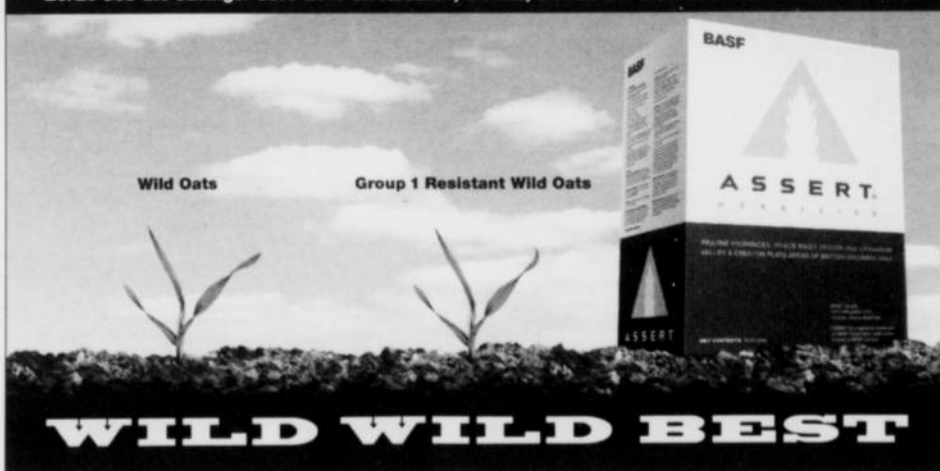
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NOTES FROM NIGERIA

Spring break in Nigeria was a time to get things done

Dear Family and Friends,

This past week and tomorrow are the spring break for Hillcrest School. What does that mean? Well, it means that we had a student from the School choir trip to Abuja stay with us Sunday night and Monday night.

The driver came from the Calabar area to take Stevenson (a freshman) home (a seven-hour trip) but the driver was also told to go to Kaduna (4 hours the other direction) to check for machinery parts. By the time he returned on Monday afternoon, it was not safe for them to set out on the longer journey. Stevenson was no problem at all; it was a good opportunity to get to know him a bit.

Also, spring break meant that my wife had a long list of things that she wanted to get done. I'll admit, she did several of them by herself, but I was expected to put in some time most days to help. This worked out okay. Some of the things that we got done included sorting out things that have needed to be sorted for a long time. It also encouraged us to do this because of the U.S. going into Iraq and the uncertainty that creates here. There are quite a few Muslims in Nigeria and many of them are not happy about the war on Iraq. There have been demonstrations, but mostly in Kano.

Here in Jos we had political rallies for the elections coming up in about a month. One expatriate couple drove through such a rally and had their car beat on. There was no damage, but it was traumatic. I drove up to the edge of a rally on my way home the other day and promptly turned around and found a different way home. The idea for us is to maintain a low profile and avoid crowds.

However, because of the uncertainty concerning the reaction of Muslims here in Nigeria, we started packing an evacuation suitcase and organized ourselves so that we would be ready to leave if we needed to. With the elections coming and the unrest that is often associated with the political process, we also feel that we need to be ready to go, or to stay at home for several days. So far there isn't any real problem, and we thank God.

Back to my wife's list. We sorted out the things stored about our closets, the bookshelves, and the store room shelves. Also, we re-organized the freezer so that we actually know what we have and it is in some semblance of order. Yesterday I sorted through the tools that I have and decided which ones I'd like to take home to Canada, which ones I'll use here and sell when we leave, and which ones are just taking up space now—sell right away. It actually helps to get some of these things taken care of and I felt really good about that.

My wife weeded the flower planter in front of our house and raked part of the small 'lawn' area. There really isn't any lawn here but during rainy season grass grows where my wife raked. We have

had a lot of dust in the air (harmattan) even this week, but tonight there are clouds and the breeze is from the south, which indicates that the rains may not be too far away. I'll be happy when the dust is gone.

Quite a few people from Hillcrest traveled during the break; we have friends who went to Ghana and had a great time. We had planned to travel by road about an hour and a half to visit missionary friends who are doing Fulani ministry—working with the nomadic cattle herders—and a couple of sisters who are working at a school for widows, training them to develop skills that could earn them some money. One of the things that is taught there is how to knit, like sweaters and other items that could be sold.

I was not eager to go anywhere because the amount of traveling that I've done since we returned to Nigeria at the beginning of January. We were supposed to leave on Tuesday and come back Wednesday, but by Sunday evening Janet was still having problems with a runny tummy, so we sent word that we wouldn't be coming. Janet has been doing much better, but there are still difficult times. Both of us are losing weight by being careful about our diets and getting exercise, but I said that getting sick was unfair.

This afternoon/evening we went to prayer meeting. At 6:20 the power went off. The people said that this was 20 minutes later than usual. Most days the power goes off at 6 in the evening and comes back on early afternoon.

In other words they get less than six hours of power each day. We who live on the Hillcrest compound have power pretty well 24 hours every day. When the power does go off, we have a powerful generator that is run. A couple years ago, Hillcrest paid a large amount of money to have electricity supplied by a different company. I think it was a very wise investment.

Now, after years of water problems, Hillcrest is finally willing to pay to have a bore hole drilled so that there is a reasonably sure source of water. The Plateau State workers were on strike for several months and Hillcrest had to hire tankers to bring water for the School. After a while it got through to some of the leaders that having an alternative source of water that we control might be a good idea. It remains to be seen how long it will take to get the bore hole drilled. I hope it's soon!

Although some things are difficult, we have much to be thankful for. We have a fairly safe compound with electricity and water (most days). We are quite healthy, and enjoy quite a nice climate—no snow! We have internet access through the School for free. We have jobs that we basically enjoy and feel that we are in God's will for our lives. God has been very good to us and we are grateful.

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Glen O'Neill off to a blazing start

by Barry Williams

In the saddle bronc event at the Calgary Royal Rodeo, two brother-in-laws, Glen O'Neill and Rod Hay put on a clinic in exhibiting their talents. And when the dust settled in the infield at the Pengrowth Saddledome, the two riders split top spot with identical marks of 84, worth \$4,129 apiece.

Denny Hay ran into some tough luck at the rodeo marking an 80 for a split of tenth spot worth \$196.

O'Neill, of Didsbury, is the 2002 World Saddle Bronc champion and 2000 Canadian Professional Rodeo Association Saddle Bronc Champion.

A landed immigrant from Australia, O'Neill has carved a niche in the rodeo world by being a solid contender for the Jack Daniel's/Professional Cowboy's Association World championship. In five trips to the National Finals Rodeo, held annually in Las Vegas, Nevada, O'Neill has always finished within the top five. In 1997, O'Neill was named the PRCA Rookie of the Year and won the coveted \$50,000 at the Calgary Stampede.

Before hanging his hat in the North America rodeo circuit, O'Neill was the Australian Saddle Bronc champion.

Performing at his best in the largest rodeos has been a forte

for him as he captured the Wrangler Pro Rodeo Circuit championship in 2002. Besides the major championships tucked in his belt, O'Neill shares the CPRA highest marked ride of 95 with legend rider Doug Vold. O'Neill recorded the score in 1996 aboard Franklin Rodeo's Airwolf at the Daines Ranch Rodeo. Vold, who obtained the mark aboard Franklin Rodeo's Franklin's Transport at the Meadow Lake Stampede in 1979, held the record for 17 years before O'Neill matched it. Tucking money in his Wrangler Jeans after every rodeo has become automatic for O'Neill as he holds the CPRA single season saddle bronc earnings of \$61,697.

Riding in Calgary has been a profitable experience for Rod Hay as he has won the \$50,000 Calgary Stampede prize three times. He has ridden off into the sunset with six CPRA Saddle Bronc championships including a string of three in a row. In his thirteen years of performing at the CFR, Hay has earned \$176,000, a CFR record for any event. And he is the only Canadian saddle bronc rider to open the chutes thirteen times at the National Finals Rodeo.

Fastest lady around the barrels was Dawn Rude, of La Glace, AB., with a time of 13.466 seconds, a win worth \$3,200.



Charlyee O'Dell, Hailey McLean, Allison McCoy, Caitlin Hunter and Chantel Knoll all enjoyed success at the Central Regional Open competition in Olds.

Didsbury skaters successful in Olds

The Didsbury Skating Club had a successful weekend, at the Central Region Open competition in Olds. We brought home 10 medals in all - 3 gold, 3 silver and 4 bronze. All skaters did a great job at representing Didsbury!

The official results are as follows:

Sarah Baker - 6th place - Junior Bronze Elements 5th place - Junior Bronze Freeskate - 5th place - Bronze Creative

Caitlin Hunter - 3rd place - Pre-Preliminary Elements - 3rd place - Pre-Preliminary Freeskate

Chantel Knoll - 1st place - Preliminary Elements - 3rd place - Preliminary Freeskate

Jasmine Knoll - 3rd place - Spin, Spiral, Jump Allison McCoy - 2nd place - Junior Bronze Elements - 1st place - Junior Bronze Freeskate - 1st place - Interpretive - 2nd place - Bronze Creative

Hailey McLean - 6th place - Pre-Preliminary Freeskate

Charlyee O'Dell - 2nd place - Pre-Preliminary Freeskate - 6th place - Pre-Preliminary Elements

Curling season comes to a close

by Marge St. Clair

The annual St. Patrick's open mixed Bonspiel brought tears of joy to one team when they counted an 8-ender against their opposition in the B Final Sun. afternoon. Such excitement! Disbelief really, and the honor of scoring the first 8 ender in the new curling rink and the first one in I can't remember how many years! Cameras were flashing, lots of laughs and congratulations from all. The Bonspiel was a huge success. After the banquet on Sat. Night, many door prizes were drawn for.

The draw to the button was done by hurling 2 frozen Cornish Hens down to the House

and after the tie breakers the winners were:

1. Don Shierman
2. Stan Laveck
3. Kathy Shierman

and the Calcutta winners were:

1. Keith Mullen
2. G. Taylor - Sundre
3. Curtis Mousseau

Tickets were sold on a beautiful Patio Bar which was won by Peggy Fulkerth.

The Bonspiel winners were:

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2. Brian Setter - Water Valley

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3. Nick Baron - Didsbury
4. George Taylor - Sundre

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1. Beverlee Collinge - Dids-

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2. Deana Jensen - Cremona
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4. Vance van Dam - Didsbury

C Event

1. Henry Paulgaard - Didsbury
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4. Evan Ingram - Carstairs

The prizes for teams to choose were excellent. As always, we say hats off and a bow to the many many volunteers who worked in the kitchen & bar through the Bonspiel and in preparing the banquet so thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The ice is out in preparation for the Trade Fair. What a great curling season!!



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Hockey on wheels

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10 COMING EVENTS

OLDS-DIDSBURY-THREE HILLS P.C. Association, Annual General Meeting, April 17th, 2003, Smitty's Restaurant, Olds @ 7:00 p.m. Speaker: Honourable Clint Dunford, Minister of Human Resources & Employment. 49-11

BIBLE STUDY for the deaf Thurs. evenings at 7 p.m. April 3. If you have a TTY call Melody at 556-6006 or see me in the meat department at Olds Coop to let me know if interested. This will be in my home. 5202 - 56 Ave., Olds around back and down the stairs. 49-11

ANTIQUE SHOW. Plan to attend western Canada's largest antique and collectibles show, the 28th Annual Wild Rose Antique Collectors Show & Sale. Collectors and dealers from across Canada and northwestern U.S. Nearly 700 sales booths, plus special collectors displays. Saturday, Apr. 12, 9 - 6 p.m. Sunday, Apr. 13, 10 - 5 p.m. Northlands Agricor, Edmonton. Admission \$4. awna

ARMS SHOW. Canada's largest. April 18, 19. 9:30 - 5 p.m. Antiques, modern firearms, militaria and related collectibles. Roundup Centre, Calgary. awna

21ST ANNUAL Lacombe Spring Antique Show and Sale, April 5 and 6, Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 - 4. Lacombe Memorial Centre, 5214 - 50 Ave. Over 50 vendors. Carswell's 403-343-1614. awna

23RD ANNUAL STETTTLER Trade Show, April 4 - 6/03, Twin-Arenas, 4,000 sq. ft. RV, food, entertainment, activities, prizes, displays throughout 100 booths. Phone 1-800-742-9499, Stettler Chamber of Commerce. awna

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11 COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

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13 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

SURVEY ASSISTANTS required. Looking for energetic individuals willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions to assist a party chief in performing legal, topographic and construction surveys in the Didsbury area. This is a full time position commencing IMMEDIATELY. The successful applicants will require personal transportation to our office in Didsbury. Previous experience not required but would be an asset. Salary commensurate with experience. Please send resumes to SexSmith Survey, Box 1473, Didsbury, AB or Fax to 335-9385.

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The Public Trustee for the Province of Alberta at

400 S.J.E. Brownlee Building 10365-97 Street

Edmonton, AB T5J 3Z8 phone: (780) 427-2744

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33 PERSONALS

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34 PETS

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COMMUNITY SERVICES AND EVENTS



DIDSBURY

Bus Trip
Please join us for Stage West - "A Chorus Line." Wed. Apr. 30. Cost \$42.00. Bus leaves at 10:30. Money must be in by Apr. 3. Call 335-3058, 335-3449.

Breakfast

Mountainview Christian Women's Club Breakfast on April 15, 2003 from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Topic Making A Difference. For reservations call 337-2487 or 335-3765.

Bus Trip

Please join us for the Spruceview Passion Play Fri., April 11/03. Cost \$12 inc. bus and admission. Bus leaves at 6:00 Call Bea 335-3058 or Gen 335-3449.

DIDSBURY

Hometown Treasures, Downhome Pleasures
Didsbury Museum and Library have teamed up to bring you family entertainment: collectibles, antiques, and song! Join us April 26th at the train station. Call Natalie 335-4630 for more information.

Photography

A group of photo enthusiasts have started a photo club which meets the first Wed. of the month. If you are interested call Carla at 556-7510 or Richard at 335-3301 between 9 and 5.

Book Fair

"Clued into Reading" Scholastic Book Fair. March 31 - Apr. 4 at Midway School. 337-2888

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W.H.O.A.S.

Wild Horses of Alberta Society. Help preserve these magnificent animals in their natural environment. Meetings are the first Tues. of every month at Olds Cow Palace, 8 p.m. Call Doreen at 556-6167 for more information.

Dinner

5-0 Club pot luck dinner on April 9 at 12:30 p.m. Meat is supplied.

CREMONA

Group

The Cremona Parent & Tots Group is going strong and we would like you to join us! We meet every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Cremona Congregational Church Basement. For more info contact Doreen at 637-0182.

ONGOING EVENTS

CARSTAIRS

RECYCLING DEPOT

Carstairs Lion's Recycling Depot is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

CARSTAIRS TOPS

Take off Pounds Sensibly at the Church of God on Monday nights 7-8 p.m. For further information call Jean 637-3753, Shelly 337-3082 or Kim 946-4997.

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COMMUNITY CRISIS SOCIETY

Are you experiencing family violence? Please call the Crisis Shelter at 1-877-934-6634.

CHAMPS

"NEW" Canadian Weight Awareness - CHAMPS Clubs Inc. is a Non-Profit Weight Loss Support Organization which meets weekly. We are open to Men and Ladies who share a common concern of managing their weight. For more info about CHAMPS CLUB INC. call today. 1-866-444-7682.

DIDSBURY MUSEUM

New Winter hours: Saturday: 1-5 p.m., special occasions, & anytime by appointment. Please call Marg Weaver at 335-4245, Dale Weiss at 335-4726 or Willard Stauffer at 335-3715.

SPECIAL FAMILIES RESOURCE ASSOCIATION
Support for families/caregivers of special needs children. Meetings held 1st and 3rd Thurs. of every month in the Didsbury Hospital in the Educational Conference Room at 7 p.m. For more information contact Cindy at 335-4123.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
General Meeting- Fourth Thursday of each month, 6:00 p.m. supper, 7 p.m. meeting 335-3265. RSVP

DIDSBURY TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Stacey at 335-4487 or Joanne at 337-2614.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD
Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meets once every two months at the Town Office. For info call Deborah at the Town Office at 335-8343.

BEAVER'S

Beaver's Monday 7-8 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

HALL WALKING

Adult hall walking at Westglen from 6:45 a.m. Monday to Thursday. Keep fit this winter.

DIDSBURY

TOY LIBRARY

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury Toy Library: Open Tuesdays 10-11:30 a.m. at the Anglican Church Hall basement 2037 - 24 Ave. New members always welcome. Kerri at 335-9928.

AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 20 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Wendy at 335-3877 or Rick at 335-9525.

TIME OUT

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Mom's Time Out and Dads Too program. At Anglican Church Hall, Mondays 10-11:30 a.m. Nominal babysitting fee. Call 335-8183 or 335-9903 for more information.

KING HIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Hans Lucas at 337-2250.

O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Kay Johnston at 335-4060.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Gamblers Anonymous (G.A.) starting Monday, January 22 from 7-9 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Hospital Unit 4. For more information please call 335-8208.

SONS OF NORWAY

Sons of Norway meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m. Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular Bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall.

DIDSBURY PRESCHOOL

We are now accepting registrations into a educational and social program for children 3 to 5 years old. The new 2 1/2 hour classes will operate Tues./Thurs. mornings, starting Tues. Feb. 25/03. For more info or register your child please call Cherie 335-8818 or 335-8039.

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Scheduled transportation for anyone on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9-3. Please call day prior or by 8:00 a.m. for pick up. 507-0208. Wheelchair accessible. Sponsored by the Didsbury Lions Club.

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INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month 10 a.m. Olds Scout Hall. Phone 337-3617 or 556-3807 for information.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon: for persons affected by someone else's drinking. Fri. 8 p.m. For more information call 337-2549, or 337-3762.

BRIDGE CLUB

Mountain View Bridge Club meets every Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. at the Masonic Star Hall, 2037-21 Avenue, Didsbury. All bridge players welcome! For more info: 335-8375 or 638-2757.

HOME HELP ASSOCIATION

The Didsbury & District Senior Support Services co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 335-4391.

LEARNING DISABILITIES

Learning Disabilities of Alberta, Mtn. View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. For info call Susan at 335-3174.

OLDS

MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540.

SUNDRE

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Wednesdays, 8-9 p.m. in the basement of the Anglican Church. Ron 638-2736.

ALA TEEN

Ala Teen, Sundre United Church Basement, Wednesday 7:00 p.m. More info 638-3277.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon, Wednesdays. For more information call 638-3277 or 335-9787.

DRUMHELLER

SUPPORT GROUP

The Compassionate Friends is a self help supportive group offering friendship and understanding to parents who have experienced the death of a child. Meetings are held the last Thurs. of each month (except Dec.) at 7:30 p.m. in Conference Room #3 of the Drumheller Hospital. For more info call Shirley 823-3001 or Linda 823-4565.

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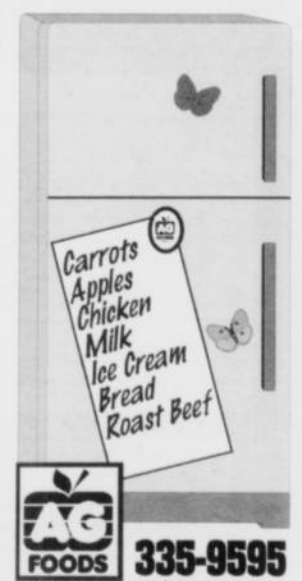


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